STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Division of Forestry and Wildlife Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

July 14, 2006

Chairperson and Members Board of Land and Natural Resources State of Hawaii Honolulu, Hawaii

Land Board Members:

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH MS. TERESA

TRUEMAN-MADRIAGA TO COORDINATE THE FEDERALLY FUNDED URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM FOR

THE DIVISION OF FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE

The Federal 1990 Farm Bill for Urban and Community Forestry authorized the USDA Forest Service, to provide financial and technical assistance to State Forestry agencies to plant, maintain and improve urban landscapes in Hawaii. Since 1991, the Division of Forestry and Wildlife has been fortunate to retain the services of Ms. Teresa Trueman-Madriaga to administer this successful program statewide. The Urban and Community Forestry Program which is called Kaulunani, means "to beautify with trees the neighborhoods in which we live, work and play."

Through Kaulunani, the DLNR Division of Forestry and Wildlife awards cost-share grants to community groups to help them to develop their neighborhood tree planting or environmental education projects. Since Kaulunani began more than ten years ago, the Department has awarded more than 300 urban forestry grants to communities on Maui, Oahu, Kauai, Molokai and the Big Island, and more than \$1,400,000 federal dollars have been leveraged with nearly \$5,300,000 million in matching contributions coming from the private sector and community group contributions. Ms. Trueman-Madriaga's primary responsibility is to administer the program for the Department and provide program assistance to the Chairperson of the Kaulunani Council. She prepares quarterly Council meeting agendas, works with grantees, and prepares grant applications for approval. Additionally, she writes Federal grant proposals, provides biannual reports, and provides the necessary data for the National Performance Measures & Accountability System.

As a result of her exemplary work in Hawaii, Ms. Trueman-Madriaga was appointed by the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture to serve on the National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council. Her term ran from December 2001 through December 2004. The national council

represents a variety of interests and areas of professional expertise relating to the national Urban and Community Forestry Program. Her current contract term expires October 2006.

The Department received Governor Lingle's approval to contract these services on April 28, 2006 and the Department of Budget and Finance approved this contract on March 15, 2006 (Attached). The Division of Forestry and Wildlife followed the "Request For Proposals" procurement procedures by placing the RFP on the State Procurement Notice website http://www4.hawaii.gov/bidapps/ShowBids.cfm?StartRow=101. Ms. Teresa Trueman-Madriaga was the only applicant, and was the Divisions's election for these services for the State.

Funding for the Urban and Community Forestry Program has been granted by the USDA Forest Service, and has remained at a level that allows for this position; therefore this contract covers a period of two years, or 24 months. The contract agreement clearly states that federal funds to be paid by the state to Mrs. Trueman-Madriata, shall be made subject to appropriations on an annual basis in the amount of \$66,500.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve the two-year contract with Ms. Teresa Trueman-Madriaga for \$133,000 to coordinate the Urban and Community Forestry Program for the State of Hawaii during the period of October 2006 to October 2008 subject to the following:

- 1) Availability of Federal funds.
- 2) Review and approval as to form of the contract by the Department of the Attorney General.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL CONRY Administrator

Attachment

PETER YOUNG Chairperson

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:

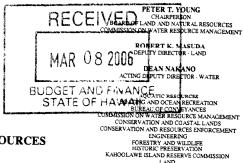
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STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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February 24, 2006

MEMORANDUM

TO:

THE HONORABLE LINDA LINGLE

Governor of Hawaii

THRU:

HONORABLE GEORGINA KAWAMURA

Director of Finance Department of Budget and Finance

FROM: 1

PETER YOUNG, Chairperson

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SUBJECT:

Request for approval of Consultant Services, Pursuant to Budget Execution Policies and Instructions Memo No. 03-09 for the following federally funded Urban &

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1) Urban & Community Forestry Program Coordinator

2) Urban & Community Forestry Volunteer/Technical Coordinator

A. Types of Services.

Consultant services to achieve objectives of the federally funded Urban & Community Forestry Program, also known as Kaulunani.

B. Purpose for Requiring Services.

The federal Cooperative Forestry Assistance (CFA) Grants provides federal funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources to implement urban beautification and forest management partnerships on public and private lands with community groups and landowners throughout Hawaii. Due to the Department's current operating budget and staff limitations, these federal grants are essential to the continuation of a number of important and successful core forestry programs. These core programs include the Urban & Community Forestry Program - Kaulunani.

C. <u>Nature and Description of Services to be Provided.</u>

The Urban & Community Forestry Program is a United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service program, authorized as part of the Forestry Title of the 1990 Farm Bill passed by the 101th Congress. Under this mandate, State Foresters are responsible for providing statewide leadership and support to develop and improve local community urban tree planting and care projects. Since 1991, this program has helped to beautify many community landscapes throughout the nation, Hawaiian Islands and in the Pacific.

In order for Hawaii to receive federal program funds to implement this program, the Department is required to maintain a full-time program Coordinator Position. With the strong statewide interest in this program, the Department has utilized the option to employ a second full-time person for this program – Volunteer/Technical Coordinator. During the State fiscal year 2004 (July 1, 2003 – June 30, 2004) the Department received \$400,000. During the fiscal year 2005 (July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2005) the Department received \$428,000 for this program, fiscal year 2006 (July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006) the Department received \$390,000.

The Urban & Community Forestry Program Coordinator will: 1) Revise and implement the State Strategic Urban and Community Forestry Plan to reflect the current year's program goals and objectives; and 2) Conduct the business of the State Urban & Community Forestry Council, which assists the Department in implementing the State Urban & Community Forestry Plan, produce reports bi-annually for State and Federal purposes, seek non-federal funding to expand the program, collect and manage all matching documents, and provide all necessary paperwork to ensure payments are processed and received throughout the year.

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D. Outcome/benefits to be Realized from the Services.

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E. How the Contracts are to be Monitored.

Contractors will submit monthly progress reports to the Cooperative Resource Management Forester detailing program accomplishments and documentation of costs to the Department.

F. Why Services Cannot be Performed Internally.

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G. Cost Summary and Means of Finance.

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State Fiscal Years 2003 & 2004 costs = \$63,000 per year; Federal Funds

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